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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN, TREASURER,
AUDITOR,
AND
SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
TOWN OF RICHMOND

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 20, 1880.

GARDINER:
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1880.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Repairs on Highways and Bridges.....	\$3,000 00
Support of Schools.....	2,000 00
Interest and Discount.....	2,200 00
Maintenance of the Poor.....	800 00
Tempest Engine Company for 1879.....	300 00
Care of Town Clock.....	25 00
Deficiency for Snow Bills, 1878.....	500 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	2,000 00
Contingent Fund.....	1,000 00
School District No. 1.....	500 00
Repair Town Farm Buildings.....	400 00

\$12,725 00

State Tax.....	\$4,973 66	
County Tax.....	1,861 60	
Dog Tax.....	61 00	
Overlayings Town.....	910 49	
Overlayings School District No. 1.....	21 65	
Supplemental Tax.....	108 00	7,936 40

\$20,661 40

RECEIPTS.

Balance in the Treasury Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$1,723 58
State of Maine Railroad Tax.....	137 51
State of Maine Mill Tax and School Fund.....	1,172 67
State of Maine Balance Free High School.....	101 12
Balance of Tax 1878, A. P. Ring, Collector.....	3,645 92
Interest on Taxes for 1878.....	68 48
Engine Watering Ship Theodore H. Allen.....	20 00
License for Show.....	5 00
Tuition School District No. 1.....	31 10
Use of Town Hall.....	27 00
James M. Hagar on Execution.....	1,594 76
Samuel Toothaker on Execution.....	558 16
Town of Bowdoinham Poor Account.....	7 75
Money Reimbursed.....	7 05
Auctioneer License.....	2 00
Town Orders No. 260, 12.....	500 00
Bonds Sold.....	35,000 00
Accrued Interest on Same.....	53 35
R. H. White and Geo. Weymouth old Tax.....	4 48
Taxes and Interest on Huntington Farm.....	18 36

\$65,339 69

EXPENDITURES.

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid State Treasurer State Tax for 1879.....	\$4,973 66
Paid County Treasurer County Tax for 1879.....	1,861 60
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	\$6,835 26

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid for Services as follows :

F. Houdlette, Assessor, Overseer and Selectman....	\$175 00
A. P. Jewett, " " "	85 00
J. Watson Libby, " " "	50 00
J. W. Spaulding, Treasurer.....	50 00
Wm. H. Stuart, Town Clerk.....	15 00
F. J. Buker, Supervisor.....	121 50
Levi Whitney, Constable.	25 00
A. P. Ring, Collector for 1878, balance.....	102 15
A. P. Ring, Collector for 1879, in part.....	100 00
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Carried to Sundries.....	\$723 65

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.

Tax assessed the District.....	\$500 00
Overlayings.....	21 65
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	\$521 65
Paid Wm. T. Hall, on Town Order.....	\$477 07
Transferred to District No. 1.....	22 93
Expense for collecting.....	5 21
Balance due District No. 1.....	16 44
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	\$521 65

SCHOOLS.

Amount due Districts Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$131 47
Appropriated by the town for 1879.....	\$2,000 00
Received from the State for schools.....	1,273 79
Received for Tuition.....	31 10
Transferred Balance from Repairs, Dist. No. 1...	22 93
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	\$3,459 29
Amount from Dist. No. 3.....	\$10 00
Paid School Districts during the year....	\$3,006 06
Balance due Districts Feb. 20, 1880....	443 23
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	\$3,459 29

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Foster & Spaulding for Lumber.....	\$672 12
Dist. No. 1, Libbeus Jenkins, Surveyor.....	550 54
“ 1, Wm. E. Chase, “	116 83
“ 2, Geo. A. Buker, “	86 95
“ 3, George G. Page, “	66 95
“ 3, Daniel Webber, “	106 05
“ 4, A. P. Ring, “	130 18
“ 5, Wm. M. Loud, “	116 52
“ 5, John W. Woodward “	81 74
“ 6, David G. C. T. White, Surveyor	73 91
“ 6, S. B. Hathorn, Surveyor	99 80
“ 7, Reuben R. Bates, “	102 30
“ 8, Bates Curtis, “	83 00
“ 8, H. W. Cunningham “	86 65
“ 8, Horatio Booker, “	53 75
“ 9, Fred J. Libby, “	121 65
“ 10, James Litch, “	91 77
“ 11, J. H. Booker, “	82 57
“ 11, Geo. E. Peacock, “	102 04
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\$2,825 32	

BREAKING ROADS FOR 1879.

Dist. No. 1, Thomas Scott and others	\$36 27
“ 1, Wm. E. Chase, Surveyor	21 07
“ 2, O. L. Curtis, “	11 97
“ 3, Prescott Keyes, “	6 30
“ 3, Daniel Webber, “	23 51
“ 4, A. P. Ring, “	20 53
“ 5, Wm. M. Loud, “	8 86
“ 7, Reuben R. Bates, “	25 42
“ 8, Bates Curtis, “	14 38
“ 8, H. W. Cunningham “	16 41
“ 8, H. R. Booker, “	6 81
“ 9, Fred J. Libby, “	15 37
“ 10, James Litch, “	21 12
“ 11, J. H. Booker, “	6 89
“ 11, Geo. E. Peacock, “	21 49
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\$256 90	

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Paid for Highways and Bridges.....	\$2,225 32
Snow Bills of 1878, (see Report last year)	590 60
Snow Bills of 1879.....	256 90
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\$3,672 82	

Brought up.....		\$3,672 82
Appropriated by the Town	\$3,000 00	
Appropriated for Snow Bills 1878	500 00	
Deficiency, carried to Sundries.....	172 82	
	<hr/>	\$3,672 82

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

To paid Tempest Engine Company	\$300 00	
C. Houdlette, for line.....	1 52	
Care of Engine for 1879	20 00	
Alcohol for Engine.....	8 60	
Repairs on Engine House	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$332 12
Appropriated by the Town	\$300 00	
Received for watering ship	20 00	
Deficiency, carried to Sundries.....	12 12	
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TOWN FARM.

To Stock on Farm Feb. 20, 1879	\$370 00	
Hay, Grain and Provisions.....	298 95	
Farming Tools.....	191 25	
Furniture.....	200 00	
Wood, Lumber and Shingles.....	146 00	
Supplies furnished by Mr. Keyes.....	375 97	
Interest on \$2,000 in Farm, one year.....	100 00	
F. J. Libby, for Pressing Hay.....	29 27	
Prescott Keyes and wife, Services for one year.....	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,011 44
By Stock on Farm Feb. 20, 1880.....	\$371 00	
Hay, Grain and Provisions.....	242 48	
Farming Tools.....	247 75	
Furniture.....	193 25	
Wood, Lumber and Shingles.....	90 25	
Stock sold by Mr. Keyes.....	90 50	
Produce sold by Mr. Keyes.....	141 63	
Hay sold.....	150 52	
Labor of Town Farm Team.....	18 24	
Balance lost Supporting Poor on Farm,	465 82	
	<hr/>	\$2,011 44

REPAIRS OF TOWN FARM BUILDINGS.

To Bill of Lumber.....	\$77 55	
Carpenters' and Joiners' Bill.....	191 99	
J. Watson Libby, Repairing Cellar Wall.....	22 16	

B. F. Kidder's, E. G. Eastman's, and B. R. Flander's Bills.....	27 00
C. Houdlette, Bill for Lime, &c.....	10 80
John Lake & Son's Bill.....	57 03
Wm. H. Winslow's Bill.....	9 45
George A. Beale's Bill.....	1 52
Wm. H. Whitney, Table.....	2 50
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	\$400 00
Appropriated by the Town.....	\$400 00

POOR OFF THE FARM.

Mrs. Hittie Harmon, for the year 1879.....	\$67 66
Mrs. John Chase, " ".....	49 94
Mrs. Lorenzo Mitchell.....	4 38
Wm. H. Colby, wife and family.....	27 00
Mrs. Lydia Witham.....	10 00
Jerry Thornton, for Mr. Miller	5 00
Travelling expenses looking after paupers	11 01
Mrs. Wm. Gardiner.....	12 72
Lyman Tripp.....	14 00
James P. Buker and family	19 00
Tramps.....	41 75
Geo. A. Loring and family.....	10 00
Rent for Poor	1 00
Cash paid back	7 05
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	\$280 51

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid Levi Johnson and family of Bowdoinham.....	\$7 75
Mrs. Elisha Coombs and family of Topsham.....	21 95
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	\$29 70

POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid Prescott Keyes on Town Orders.....	\$443 84
Poor off the Farm	280 51
One Mowing Machine	60 00
Fred J. Libby, for pressing hay.....	29 27
Poor of other Towns	29 70
Balance unexpended, carried to Sundries.....	143 95
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	\$987 27

Brought up	\$987 27
By Appropriation from the Town	\$800 00
Cash paid in the Treasury	7 05
Cash from Town of Bowdoinham	7 75
Sale of Hay	150 52
Due from Town of Topsham	21 95
	<u>\$987 27</u>

Names and ages of Poor on Town Farm: John Booker, age 86 years; Mary E. Holman, age 40; Augustus Webber, age 29; Mrs. John Chase, age 80; Mrs. Lorenzo Mitchell, age 85; ten tramps, lodging and meals.

INTEREST AND DISCOUNT.

To paid Coupons on Town Bonds	\$1,328 25
Interest on Town Orders	1,789 00
	<u>\$3,117 25</u>
By Appropriation of the Town	\$2,200 00
Interest received on tax of 1878	68 48
Interest on Town Bonds sold	53 35
Deficiency, carried to Sundries	795 42
	<u>\$3,117 25</u>

SUNDRIES.

Paid for Printing Town Reports for 1878	\$36 55
John C. Curtis Watering Trough for 1879	3 00
Alpheus Small Watering Trough for 1879	3 00
Wood for Selectmens' Office	2 77
Wm. H. Smith Pound Rent for 1879	4 00
Wm. H. Smith for Surveying Front Street and Putting Bounds	5 00
Wood for Lockup	5 85
J. W. Spaulding Town Fees Suit of Clara S. Morse	7 50
J. W. Spaulding Services on Costs Town against Hagar and Toothaker	134 25
J. W. Spaulding Making Pension Papers, &c.	15 77
Samuel Odiorne, J. L. Robinson and H. Springer Horse Hire for Selectmen	29 00
Wm. H. Stuart Auditor for 1878	5 00
Geo. C. Lovell Care of Town Clock and Repairs	23 06
Bills on Town Hall	54 06
Bill on Tomb	1 00
Repairs on Hearse	1 75
Copy of Acts Setting off Richmond from Bowdoinham	3 00
F. J. Buker Help in Making State Valuation	10 00
New Valuation Book	8 50
Stationery	5 35

Clara S. Morse Damages for Falling on the Ice.....	20 00
Isaac W. Buker Damage to Himself and Carriage	22 50
Geo. C. Lovell Stone Posts for Bounds on Front Street	2 00
F. J. Buker Supervisor for Certificates and Diplomas	6 25
For Printing Town Bonds.....	75 35
Insane Hospital Fred Kerrins.....	114 23
Tax and Costs Huntington Farm.....	25 78
Abatement of Geo. W. Small's Poll Tax.....	3 00
Abatement to A. P. Ring Collector for 1878.....	113 30
Abatement to A. P. Ring Collector for 1879.....	126 62
For Rent of Office for Selectmen.....	15 00
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Amount Paid Town Officers.....	723 65
Deficiency of Highway Account.....	172 82
Deficiency on Fire Department.....	12 12
Deficiency on Interest.....	795 42
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	\$2,586 45
Amount from Last Year's Account.....	252 01
Amount Brought from Poor Account....	143 95
Appropriated by the Town.....	1,000 00
Supplemental Tax.....	108 00
Overlayings.....	910 49
Sundry Small Receipts not Credited Else- where.....	56 84
Deficiency (115,16).....	115 16
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	\$2,586 45

TOWN BONDS AND ORDERS.

Paid Town Bonds.....	\$9,800 00
Town Order No. 241, 1873, Dec. 8.....	300 00
“ “ 30, 1877, Mar. 1.....	200 00
“ “ 45, “ “.....	250 00
“ “ 120, “ Sept. 1.....	600 00
“ “ 130, “ “.....	1,500 00
“ “ 131, “ “.....	900 00
“ “ 136, “ “.....	200 00
“ “ 139, “ “.....	400 00
“ “ 171, “ Nov. 20.....	1,500 00
“ “ 1, 1878, Feb. 22.....	500 00
“ “ 9, “ Mar. 1.....	1,000 00
“ “ 10, “ “.....	500 00
“ “ 11, “ “.....	900 00
“ “ 15, “ “.....	600 00
“ “ 16, “ “.....	300 00
“ “ 19, “ “.....	800 00
“ “ 24, “ “.....	1,350 00
“ “ 25, “ “.....	500 00
“ “ 28, “ “.....	2,000 00

Paid Town Order No. 36, 1878, Mar. 1	1,250 00
“ “ 46, “ Mar. 8.....	1,000 00
“ “ 57, “ April 4.....	400 00
“ “ 61, “ “ 20.....	100 00
“ “ 70, “ “ 27.....	450 00
“ “ 115, “ July 19.....	800 00
“ “ 152, “ Sept. 2.....	1,600 00
“ “ 154, “ “	2,167 00
“ “ 156, “ “	2,400 00
“ “ 203, “ Dec. 9.....	1,000 00
“ “ 217, 1879, Jan. 7.....	1,000 00
“ “ 271, “ Feb. 20.....	340 00
“ “ 12, “ Mar. 1.....	200 00

\$36,807 00

Borro'd Feb. 20, 1880, on Order No. 260	\$300 00
“ on Town Bonds	35,000 00
“ Mar. 1, 1879, on Order No. 12,	200 00
Decrease during the year.....	1,307 00
	<hr/> \$36,807 00

TAXES FOR 1879.

Whole amount committed to Collector.....	\$20,661 40
Paid State Treasurer.....	\$4,973 66
Paid County Treasurer.....	1,861 60
Paid Town Treasurer.....	6,174 77
Balance uncollected Feb. 20, 1880...	7,651 37
	<hr/> \$20,661 40

LIABILITIES.

Town Bonds, old issue, 6 per cent., due Mar. 1, '80,	\$250 00
Town Bonds, new issue, $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., \$2,000 due annually commencing with municipal year 1880	35,000 00
Town Order No. 12, 1877, March 1	1,500 00
“ 15, 1877, March 1	500 00
“ 49, 1877, March 21	500 00
“ 76, 1878, June 1	700 00
“ 269, 1879, Feb. 20.....	2,000 00
“ 270, 1879, Feb. 20.....	100 00
“ 260, 1880, Feb. 20.....	300 00
	<hr/> \$40,850 00
Coupons and Interest due on above Feb. 20, 1880..	475 85
Due School Districts, Feb 20, 1880	443 23
Due A. P. Ring, Collector for 1879.....	106 61
	<hr/> \$41,875 69

Liabilities brought up..... \$41,875 69

RESOURCES.

Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1880	\$591 58
Due on Ex'n, Hagar and Toothaker ...	1,036 60
Due from A. P. Ring, Collector, 1879 .	7,651 37
Due from Town of Topsham for Poor..	21 95
Due on Hay sold from Town Farm	150 52
Liabilities over Resources, Feb. 20, '80,	32,423 67
	<hr/> \$41,875 69

Liabilities over Resources Feb. 20, 1869.....	\$62,538 95
“ “ “ 1870.....	51,015 55
“ “ “ 1871.....	49,628 51
“ “ “ 1872.....	48,768 29
“ “ “ 1873.....	47,426 06
“ “ “ 1874.....	44,748 88
“ “ “ 1875.....	43,003 78
“ “ “ 1876.....	39,884 64
“ “ “ 1877.....	41,397 59
“ “ “ 1878.....	37,263 23
“ “ “ 1879.....	36,545 84
“ “ “ 1880.....	32,423 67

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Farm and outfit, valued at.....	\$3,000 00
Two Fire Engines	1,000 00
Two Safes	200 00
Hearse	40 00
Engine House	350 00
Interest in Town House.....	800 00
	<hr/> \$5,390 00

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations.....	\$20,661 40
Receipts	44,678 29
	<hr/> \$65,339 69
Paid State and County Tax.....	\$6,835 26
Town Officers.....	723 65
Schools	3,006 06
District No. 1.....	477 07
Repairs of Highways.....	2,825 32
Snow Bills, 1878.....	500 60
Snow Bills, 1879.....	256 90
Fire Department.....	332 12
Poor Account.....	843 32

Carried forward \$15,890 30

Brought up	\$15,890 30	\$65,339 69
Interest and Discount	3,117 25	
Town Bonds and Orders	36,807 00	
Repairing Farm Buildings	400 00	
Sundries	882 44	
Uncollected Taxes of 1879	7,651 37	
Balance in Treasury Feb. 20, 1880	591 58	
	<hr/>	\$65,339 69

F. HOUDLETTE, }
 A. P. JEWETT, }
 J. WATSON LIBBY, } Selectmen
 } of
 } Richmond.

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Repair of Highways and Bridges	\$3,000 00
Support of the Poor	800 00
Schools	2,500 00
Interest and Discount	1,800 00
Contingent Fund	800 00
Tempest Engine Company	300 00
Town Clock	25 00
Reduction of Town Debt	2,000 00
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	\$11,225 00

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. W. SPAULDING, Treas'r, in acc't with Town of Richmond, Dr.	
To Cash on hand Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$1,723 58
Rec'd from A. P. Ring, Collector of 1879 Taxes....	6,174 77
" " 1878 " 	3,714 40
Non-resident Tax upon real estate sold,	18 36
R. H. White, old Tax collected.....	3 00
from old Taxes.....	1 48
Jas. M. Hagar, on execution, \$1,594 76	
Sam'l Toothaker, " 558 16	
	2,152 92
State of Maine, High School... \$101 12	
" School Fund.. 354 62	
" Mill Tax 818 05	
" R. R. Tax.... 137 51	
	1,411 30
Town of Bowdoinham, Poor account....	7 75
Poor Account, re-imbursed.....	7 05
Use of Engine, watering ship.....	20 00
Use of Town Hall.....	27 00
Licenses for shows.....	5 00
" Auctioneers.....	2 00
Tuition.....	31 10
Accrued interest on bonds, &c., sold....	53 35
Bonds sold.....	35,000 00
Town Orders, borrowed.....	500 00
	\$50,853 06
	Cr.
By Paid Town Bonds.....	\$9,800 00
Coupons.....	1,328 25
Town Orders, series 1872.....	300 00
" " 1877.....	5,550 00
" " 1878.....	20,917 00
" " 1879.....	10,566 24
Abatement Orders.....	1,799 99
Balance, Cash in Bank, Feb. 20, 1880,	591 58
	\$50,853 06

J. W. SPAULDING, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the books and accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Richmond, for the municipal year ending Feb. 20, 1880, have carefully compared the same with the vouchers on file, and consider them correct; and I also affirm that the foregoing reports are true exhibits from said books and accounts.

WM. H. STUART, Auditor.

RICHMOND, Me., Feb. 26, 1880.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

FELLOW CITIZENS :

Your Supervisor submits the following report of the schools for the municipal year 1879.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—WILLIAM T. HALL, *Agent*.

High School.

Summer Term—MR. J. G. LIBBY, of Wells, Me., teacher. Whole number of pupils, 34 ; average, 27. Term 9 weeks.

The Fall Term was taught by same teacher, assisted by MISS CARRIE A. ODIORNE, of Richmond. Whole number of pupils, 55 ; average, 44. Term 16 weeks.

MR. LIBBY had previously taught four successive and successful terms in this school, so that we believed that he would do all in his power to make the school profitable. It was somewhat perplexing at first to arrange the classes in a satisfactory manner, as the loss of an assistant necessitated a reduction and change of classes from the regular course of study, formerly pursued in this school. All was done to remedy this difficulty that was possible, and the examination at the close of the term showed that much labor had been performed by teacher and pupils.

The following ladies passed a creditable examination and received certificates of graduation :

Mary L. Rowe, Sarah D. Alexander, Cora L. Blair, Eliza A. Sturtevant, Lizzie A. Scott, Maria N. Haynes and Loretta Parker.

The Fall term was also under the care of MR. LIBBY, assisted by MISS CARRIE A. ODIORNE. This term was well taught, and the examination satisfactory. We were highly pleased with MISS ODIORNE as an assistant. She labored hard in the interest of those under her charge. The discipline was excellent, and each class received thorough instructions.

First Grammar School.

Spring Term—MISS EMILY M. CLARK, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 40 ; average, 35. Term 9 weeks.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 42 ; average, 37. Term 16 weeks

Miss CLARKE has taught this school for a number of years, and former reports show with marked degree of success. This term was no exception. The matter of discipline was almost perfection. All the classes did well. The examination of the first class at the close of the term was very interesting and satisfactory. The larger portion of this class were able to answer review questions very readily, and permitted to pass to the High School.

The Fall Term was also taught by Miss CLARKE. We found at the commencement of this term a very interesting class, which had been promoted from the second Grammar School. Each entered upon his task with a determination to master the course of study in this department. The *new First Class* in this school labored hard, and consequently progressed rapidly so that one more term of hard study will fit them for the advanced schools.

Second Grammar School.

Spring term—Miss C. J. CALL, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 54 ; average, 47. Term 9 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 56 ; average, 46. Term 16 weeks.

Miss CALL is a teacher of large experience, and for many terms has had charge of this school, ever giving her pupils a thorough fit for the more advanced grade. The examination of the various classes at the close showed that teacher and pupils had labored to make the school in every respect profitable. This term will compare favorably with former ones.

The school-room was repaired during the previous vacation, and made to present a more attractive appearance.

The Fall term was successfully taught by same teacher.

North Intermediate.

Spring term—Miss CLARA E. SUCKLING, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 36 ; average, 32. Term 9 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 28 ; average, 23. Term 16 weeks.

This school has been under the care and instruction of Miss SUCKLING since the fall term of 1873, and she has ever been faithful in the discharge of her duties. The school for the whole year has been under good discipline and well taught.

The school building was thoroughly repaired prior to the beginning of the spring term, and this has added much to that which makes school life pleasant and profitable.

South Intermediate.

Spring term—Miss CARRIE A. ODIORNE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 36; average, 33 1-2. Term 9 weeks.

Fall term—Miss LIZZIE A. SCOTT, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 41; average, 31. Term 16 weeks.

Miss ODIORNE did good work in this school. We always found the rooms neat and tidy, and the pupils orderly and industrious. She left this school at the close of the spring term and accepted the position of assistant in a more advanced school.

The fall term was taught by Miss SCOTT, a graduate of our High School, "class of '79." This was Miss SCOTT's first attempt at teaching. We felt almost sure she would make a successful teacher, as we had long known her as a most devoted and thorough scholar. We thought at our first visit that with a little experience she would be able to do justice to herself and to the school. In this we were not disappointed, and at the close, the various classes appeared well, and we do not hesitate to pronounce this a profitable term.

First Primary.

Spring term—Miss GERTRUDE DINSMORE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 51; average, 47. Term 9 weeks.

Fall Term—same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 49; average, 41. Term 16 weeks.

Miss DINSMORE having taught the winter term of '78-9 in this school, entered upon her work with a knowledge of what was required to make her pupils interested. At each visit we found the school very orderly, the teacher maintaining the best of government, and accomplishing this apparently without the slightest effort on her part. The classes on the whole made good advancement. At the close of the term, Miss D. was obliged to part with a very nice class of boys and girls, who had attended so well to their several studies that they had become fitted to pass to the Second Grammar School. Miss DINSMORE taught the fall term with her usual degree of success.

Second Primary School.

Spring term—Miss MATTIE A. PROVINS, of Richmond,

teacher. Whole number of pupils, 61 ; average, 46. Term 9 weeks.

Fall term—same teacher. Whole number of scholars, 57 ; average, 41. Term 16 weeks.

This school has been taught the whole year by Miss PROVINS, who labored hard and faithfully for the best interest of her pupils. The larger portion of this school is made up of very small children, who are too young to be confined to the requirements of school discipline. It is regretted that a suitable building or rooms cannot be had for this school, the Town Hall being the only available place.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$53 97
Appropriated by the town.....	1,244 68
Mill and Savings Bank Tax from State.....	750 96
Transferred from Free High School.....	101 12
“ “ Sundries.....	6 25
Balance from repairs.....	22 93
Cash from Tuition.....	31 10
Total.....	\$2,201 01
Expenses during the year.....	2,015 10

Balance due..... \$195 91

DISTRICT NO 2.—WILLIAM N. LANCASTER, *Agent*.

Summer Term—Miss ACHSA N. WILLIAMS, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 13 ; average, 11. Term 7 1-2 weeks.

Winter Term—CHARLES E. LANCASTER, Richmond, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17 ; average, 13. Term 9 weeks.

MISS WILLIAMS was very young, being but sixteen years of age, and inexperienced as a teacher. At the examination of the applicants for the summer schools, we were convinced that she had faithfully improved her time as a pupil, thereby acquiring that knowledge which is essential to make a successful teacher. We were well pleased with the appearance of the school at each visit, and believe that this was a good and profitable term.

Mr. Lancaster taught the winter term. Although this was his first attempt at teaching, he made a very good beginning, and the classes on the whole did well at the examination. Mr. L. will surely make a good teacher, as he possesses those qualities which make a man successful in any undertaking, viz ; industry and perseverance.

ACCOUNT.

Amount Due Dist. Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$6 26
Appropriated by the Town.....	71 07
Mill and Savings Bank Tax from State.....	29 80
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	\$107 13
Expended During the Year.....	107 08
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Balance due.....	05

DISTRICT NO. 3.—LEANDER H. ROSS, *Agent*.

Summer term—MISS ADDIE A. WHARFF, teacher.
Whole number of pupils, 12; average, 10. Term, 7 weeks.

Winter term—JAMES CUNNINGHAM, teacher.

Miss Wharff is a live and energetic teacher, just the kind we like to meet in the school-room. She certainly rendered the district valuable service. This School, although small, compares favorably with others in town.

The winter term is now being taught by Mr. Cunningham. Notwithstanding but one visit has yet been made, we do not hesitate to predict a satisfactory school.

ACCOUNT.

Amount Appropriated by the Town ..	\$68 72
Mill and Savings Bank Tax.....	40 23
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	\$108 95
Overdrawn Feb. 20, 1879.....	10 00
Expended during the year.....	37 70
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	\$47 70
Balance due	\$61 25

DISTRICT NO. 4.—WM. H. ALLARD, *Agent*.

Summer term—MISS M. H. HANOVER, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 7; average, 6. Term, 7 weeks.

Winter term—CHAS. M. TIBBETTS, Litchfield, teacher.

Miss Hanover is a teacher of large experience, and those who attended this term received thorough instruction. The examination at the close, showed that a fair amount of work had been accomplished.

The winter term we cannot report fully, as it has not yet closed, and but one visit has been made. Mr. Tibbetts has had charge of the school before, and your committee then reported favorably.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$4 69
Amount Appropriated by Town.....	89 08
Mill and Bank Tax from State.....	52 15
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Total.....	\$145 90

Total, brought up	\$145 90
Expended to date.....	46 75
Balance due.....	\$99 15

DISTRICT NO. 5.—JOHN WOODWARD, *Agent*.

Summer Term—MISS ANNIE B. CROWELL, teacher.

Winter Term—DANIEL BROWN, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 19; average 16. Term 10 weeks.

In this school we find just that class of pupils whom we enjoy to meet in the school room. They are orderly and industrious, and manifest a determination on their part to make the school an honor to our town. At each visit, the various classes appeared well. Had there been a little more energy on the part of the teacher, the school on the whole, would have been more satisfactory.

The winter term has been taught by MR. BROWN, who succeeded in securing the good will of his pupils at the beginning of the term, which is not only desirable but absolutely necessary to the success of any school. There has been a good amount of work accomplished, and we are happy to announce a profitable term.

The following are the names of those not absent one-half day :

Susie M. Beedle, Rufus W. Trott and Daniel Loud.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District, February 20, 1879.....	\$6 52
Appropriated by the town.....	83 99
Mill and Savings Bank Tax.....	49 17
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	\$139 68
Expended during the year.....	126 20
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Bal. due district.....	13 48

DISTRICT NO. 6.—JOSIAH EASTMAN, *Agent*.

Summer Term—MISS ABBIE E. CURTIS, Bowdoin, teacher. Whole number of pupils 25; average 23. Term 9 1-2 weeks.

Winter Term—MISS EMMA E. COTTON, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 30; average, 28. Term 9 weeks.

Miss Curtis has had but little experience in teaching, yet she did very well in this school. Had she been more strict in the matter of discipline, the school on the whole would have presented a better appearance.

In giving report of the Winter term, we will simply say

that Miss Cotton is a most excellent teacher, and rendered valuable service to the district.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due district, Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$11 57
Appropriated by the town.....	78 90
Mill and Savings Bank Tax.....	46 19
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	\$136 66
Expended during the year.....	133 89
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Balance due.....	\$2 77

DISTRICT NO. 7.—REUBEN R. BATES, *Agent*.

Summer term—MISS ALBERTINE H. BROOKINGS, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 20; average, 17. Term, 8 weeks.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17; average, 14. Term, 10 weeks.

At our first visit we found the classes well arranged, and teacher and pupils working harmoniously. The examination showed that all of the classes had made good improvement, some of them doing exceedingly well.

The winter term was taught by same teacher. Although there was not quite that amount of interest manifested on the part of some of the pupils, as in the summer term, still we believe it was a profitable school. Miss Brookings is a faithful and conscientious teacher.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District, Feb. 20, 1879.....	\$33 57
Appropriated by the Town.....	71 26
Mill and Bank Tax.....	41 72
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Total.....	\$146 35
Expended During the Year.....	102 45
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Balance due.....	\$43 90

DISTRICT NO. 8.—JOSEPH TEMPLE, *Agent*.

Summer term—MISS LAURA M. TEMPLE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17; average, 12 1-2. Term, 9 weeks.

Winter term—JAMES R. CUNNINGHAM, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 33; average, 27. Term, 11 weeks.

Miss Temple manifested a deep interest in those under her charge, and labored hard and faithfully in this school. The examination showed that a good amount of work had been accomplished.

Mr. Cunningham taught the winter term with very

marked success. The pupils will long remember Mr. C. as their teacher and friend.

ACCOUNT.

Amount Due District Feb. 20, 1879.	\$7 48
Appropriated by the Town.	89 08
Mill and Bank Tax.	52 15
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	\$148 71
Expended During the Year.	140 75
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Balance due.	\$7 96

DISTRICT NO. 9.—OTIS PLUMMER, *Agent*.

Summer term—ALICE C. COTTON, Litchfield, teacher. Whole number of pupils. 19; average, 15. Term 8 weeks.

Winter term—Miss CORA A. MAXWELL, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 18; average, 16. Term 8 weeks.

Miss Cotton has had considerable experience in teaching. We were well pleased with the appearance of the school at our first visit, and were satisfied that the pupils would receive thorough instruction. Much was accomplished this term.

Miss Maxwell taught the winter school with a good degree of success. The following are the names of the pupils who were not absent one-half day: Abbie P. Reynolds, Mattie P. Reynolds, Hattie M. Meserve, Charles W. Reynolds, Frank Reynolds, Albert Meserve, Perley Meserve, and Fred Meserve.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District Feb. 20, 1879.	\$3 83
Appropriated by the town.	68 36
Mill and Bank Tax from the State.	31 33
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	\$103 52
Expended during the year.	92 64
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Balance due.	\$10 88

DISTRICT NO. 10—EDWIN TOTMAN, *Agent*.

Summer Term—MISS MATTIE L. PREBLE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17; average, 13. Term 7 weeks.

Winter Term—CHARLES M. TIBBETTS, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 26; average, 18. Term 7 weeks.

Miss Preble taught the Summer term with very gratifying success. She has gained the reputation of being a good disciplinarian and a successful teacher.

The winter term has been taught by Mr. Tibbetts. At

our first visit we found the pupils orderly and apparently interested in their studies, and it was hoped it would so continue. We afterwards learned, however, that about the middle of the term a change took place, some of the large boys attempting to usurp powers belonging only to the teacher. This occasioned feelings of unpleasantness to exist between teacher and pupils, and the school to become in many respects unprofitable during the eight weeks of the term. Your Supervisor received notice from Mr. Tibbetts, preferring charges of disobedience against three of the largest boys. After a thorough investigation of the matter, it was decided to wholly exonerate the teacher from all blame and lay the censure where it belonged. Those pupils were not expelled, but acting upon their own expressed determination quietly withdrew from the school and did not attend longer. We do not believe we would do justice to ourselves or to the town in evading a correct account of this school, while it may not be gratifying to the district. We hope that it may be the means of influencing the parents to adopt some measure, whereby the reputation of District No. 10, may be restored to its former honorable position.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due district, February 20, 1879.....	\$ 74
Appropriated by town.....	71 26
Mill and Bank Tax.....	41 72
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Expended during the year.....	\$113 72
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Balance due.....	\$3 65

DISTRICT NO. 11.—GEO. E. PEACOCK, *Agent*.

Summer term—MISS CARRIE C. BAKER, teacher. Whole number of pupils 11; average, 8 1-2. Term 6 weeks.

Winter term, MISS MATTIE L. PREBLE, teacher. Whole number of pupils, 17; average, 14. Term 11 weeks.

The pupils in this district appear to realize the necessity of an education, and enter upon the work with a determination to make their school days profitable. Miss Baker was inexperienced as a teacher, yet she did very well this term, and her pupils passed a fair examination.

The winter term has been very successful. In our report, in District No. 10, we referred to Miss Preble's qualifications and ability as a teacher, and will now simply add that the improvement made this term is worthy of high commendation.

ACCOUNT.

Amount due District, February 20, 1879.....	\$3 06
Appropriated by town.....	63 60
Mill and Bank Tax.....	37 25
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Expended during the year.....	\$103 91
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Balance due.....	\$4 23

In closing this report it may be well to add a few general remarks or suggestions bearing upon the future welfare and prosperity of our schools. All that can be said or done now can not change the errors of the past, but an examination of our mistakes with the view of avoiding them in the future, may aid us much towards gaining that point of perfection which is sought by all good citizens.

First—It is absolutely necessary that the town should raise more money for the support of our schools. No time in the past have we had too much schooling, or employed better teachers than we ought, and this year we had been deprived of our High School fund from the State. Neither did the town make any provision for the same at its own expense, so that we have been obliged (compared with former years) to get along with a reduction of one thousand dollars from our school fund. This subject should receive the careful consideration of all.

Second—Some method should be adopted whereby we can have a uniformity of text books in the rural districts. Without this no school can be in the highest degree successful.

Third—The parents should manifest more interest in their schools by occasionally visiting them, thereby encouraging teacher and pupils in their work.

F. J. BUKER, *Supervisor.*

NOTICE TO AGENTS AND TEACHERS.

Agents are hereby requested to inform all applicants, whom they employ to teach, that the Committee or Supervisor will be in session for their examination, etc., at the Academy, as follows: for the summer schools, the third and fourth Saturdays in April, at one o'clock, P. M.; for the winter schools, the first and second Saturdays in November, at one o'clock, P. M.

It is absolutely necessary that teachers apply for their certificates on the days above mentioned.